things impossible that Russlan rumors of Japanese attacks on Port Arthur could be true, everything that is today reported, whether north or south, in Manchuria, or the Liao-Tung Peninsula, Port Arthur, so that its capture is only

"The sequence of events leads up to "The sequence of events leads up to the Japanese having by about now been the lead and convey to Kinchow a able to land and convey to Kin-Chow a sufficient body of heavy artillery to enable them to attack that position.

The importance to the Japanese of Kin-Chow is that it gives them access to Dalny by land and will thereby enable the army to co-operate with and assist

### An Advance Post.

"Apparently the Russians occupied the old walled Chinese town as a kind of flanking advanced work or outpost for "When that work has been success-their main line of works, which was fully accomplished the possession of the neck.

whether the specific statement sent from Shanghai that Kin-Chow was captured by the Japanese refers to the town or to the pass.

### Heights Captured.

which says expressly that the heights the work of sapping, point by point, into south of Kin-Chow were captured. As the heart of the citadel.

whereas, it was from the nature of line of the works. At present all this

A Preliminary Incident. 'In any case it must be remembered that Kin-Chow is quite fifty miles from a preliminary incident of the coming

Dainy by land and will thereby enable the army to co-operate with and assist the fleet in clearing the inner harbor and roadstead of mines laid by the Russians.

### Will Aid the Besiegers.

drawn across the narrow neck of the Dainy will be invaluable for the siege of peninsula. It is said that the Russians Port Arthur, because it will shorten by had thirty guns mounted on their works, more than two-thirds the distance over presumably not in the town, but along which neavy artillery and ammunition has now to be dragged by hand, as have It is a little difficult to be sure also the engineer tools and food sup-

Editorially the "Daily Telegraph "By the storming of Kin-Chow yesterday the Japanese have swept the garrison of Port Arthur out of its firs "There is, however, another telegram line of defense and have commenced

the Shanghai correspondent says the attack began by a heavy artillery bombardment of these southern heights, it may be that they were captured first or may be that they were captured first or that, the guns in them having been sillenced by superior Japanese artillery, it became possible for the town to be attacked and captured, and that being taken gave an approach to the main the operations of the Japanese on land."

### RUSSIAN DEFEATS REPORTED ARE OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

LONDON, May 27.—A dispatch to the peared on the highway south of Snih"Telegraph" from Niuchwang says that
a Chinese army captain reports that
Japanese scouts discovered the enemy sent against them and fired upon them, in strength at Tatienling, fifty kilometers northwest of Feng-wang-cheng, on

When their exact position was ascer tained the Japanese sent a flying col-umn from Siuyen, which made a strong

Russian Flank Turned. Meanwhile the main force, accom

Japanese Occupy Tatienling.

The division which outflanked the Russians were the troops, who, according to the St. Petersburg reports, retired from Feng-wang-cheng, their retirement being part of the Japanese tactics in Sunday's battle. The Japanese now occupy the Tatienling.

The Shanhaikwan correspondent of the The Snannakwan correspondent of the "Chronicle" says that he hears that 15,000 Russians were surprised in the Tatungling Pass by 30,000 Japanese. The Russian casualties were 4,000 and more than a thousand surrendered.

sent against them and fired upon them, forcing them to retreat. There were 10 Japanese casualties. In a skirmish at Wangkaikiu, a Cossack lieutenant was kilied.

### Russians Retire in Haste.

General Kuroki, commander of the demonstration on the enemy's front, and at daylight on May 22 engaged the Russians with artillery from the south.

First Japanese Army, reports that after the engagement at Topu the Russian cavalry took up a position at Pataosni cavalry took up a position at Pataosni yesterday. A detachment of Jupanese infantry and cavalry from Tatienze attacked them, driving them in confusion panied with mountain guns, advanced to Tiehfossu (?). Natives report that the westward from the Feng-wang-cheng road, turning the Russians' left flank

A dispatch to the "Jiji Shimpo" from a continuation that panied with mountain guns, advanced westward from the Feng-wang-cheng road, turning the Russians' left flank and enflading their trenches.

The Russians retreated hastily to the Tatungling Pass, losing over a thousand killed, wounded, and captured. The Japanese losses were slight.

Tatungling.

Tatienling.

Russians Active at Sioyen. CHICAGO, May 27.—The "Daily News" last night published the following dispatch from its correspondent at Feng-wang-cheng, Manchuria:

"Increased activity characterizes all ate mines. Its business was chiefly the the movements of the Russians in the collection of coal from leasehold propneighborhood of Sloyen. Small parties erties. eptear daily moving in the direction of Mr. Cakuscher, though there is no evidence

Russian casualties were 4,000 and more than a thousand surrendered.

Tokyo Hears of Small Fights.

TOKYO, May 27.—The "Jiji" publishes a d-spatch from Feng-wang-cheng sizting that on May 24, 1,000 Cossacks ap-

### GEN. SAKHAROFF REPORTS ON DISPOSITION OF JAP FORCES that this deduction was unfair, in that the coal was loaded on the Erie cars

four kilometers in their rear. Infantry and cavalry are disposed farther southwith five guns in the neighborhood of

### Landing at Pitsewo.

"The Japanese landing continues near Pitsewo and farther south. The troops landing are moving south toward Kinanese losing 700 and the Russians few-

General Sakharoff, referring to the Feng-wang-cheng district, reports that the Japanese strength consists of 30,000 infantry, 2,000 cavalry, and thirty-six field guns. General Kuropatkin, in his last report, stated that there were 40.
100 Japanese concentrated at Fengments were at Pianmin.

101 Whose horses were killed.

102 and they were obliged to return on foot.

103 The military medical inspector reports that the sanitary condition of the Manchurlan army is in every respect even

### Quiet on the Ai River.

General Sakharoff adds that the Japanese advance guards have reached

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27.—In a dispother movements north of the Ai River. patch dated May 25, General Sakharoff reports:

Other movements north of the Ai River. It is reported that many Japanese horses are exhausted.

"Our scouts near Pitsewo and in the Kwan-tung peninsula ascertained on May 23 that Japanese outposts occupied the heights three kilometers south of Vafandian station.

"Two squadrons of cavalry and two companies and a half of infantry are companies and a half of infantry are Cossacks Encounter Japanese.

A Japanese landing at Takushan began five days ago. It is reported that 50,000, principally infantry, ianded, but this is not sufficiently verified. Those who landed are marching toward Sinyen and also in the direction of Port Arthur, toward Singtuize.

Cossacks Encounter Japanese.

Would be accorded for the railroad company to introduce evidence. If such a chance was not given he wished to cross-examine Mr. Richardson.

Chairman Knapp, after consultation with the other members of the commission, said that every facility would be given the railroad to put in evidence.

ward along the villages bordering the tachment and a sotnia of Cossacks on railway. There are 3,000 of all arms the night of May 20-21 at Sitkhouchintse caused consternation among the Japanese, who fired wildly at the Coss and also, owing to the darkness, at their

Russian reconnoiterers got behind the Japanese army near Tensanchintse o chau, with covering detachments thrown out to the west. Chinese report a battle at Kinchau on May 18, the Japassing incessantly.

May 21. They found a detachment of 200 on the main road from Sakhodza to Liao Yang. Heavy transport wagons were passing incessantly.

### Scouts Return on Foot.

The scouts watched for sixteen hours and saw fully 18,000 Korean and Chinese coolies pass with 200 carts. The Japanese finally discovered and attacked the scouts, all of whose horses were killed.

churian army is in every respect excel-lent. There were twenty-seven cases of There was no plague. The number of the negro race.

Other numbers on the program were of illness is generally insignificant. thirty kilometers north of the Al River.
Their front is turned toward Saimatse and Kuantien. They are not making

### NORTHEAST KOREA RESTLESS UNDER CONTROL OF RUSSIANS

SEOUL. May 27.—A runner from the north reports that Koreans threaten the destruction of the Russian line of communications at Ta-Cheng (Tan-Chon 2) is May have arrived at Kapsan. munications at Ta-Cheng (Tan-Chou?) if the officers occupying the telegraph

offices are not removed. He says further that the Russians are treating the townspeople with great anese steamers on this coast. Schooners

Telegraph Service Interrupted.

The main Russian force is at Kilju needed. The Korean general, Kim, has gon and Kapsan, but the country south to Wenson is dotted with Cossack scouts.

No Steamers Running.

Regular steamship service here has been suspended since the sinking of Japarriving report no warships seen along

Telegraph Service Interrupted.

Telegraph service between Ham-Heung and Wonson has been interrupted by Russian scouts.

It is rumored from the Tumen district that the Russians are seizing cattle and driving them across the border toward Viadivostok, where supplies are greatly

### PENNSYLVANIAN ENDS HIS LIFE IN A HOTEL

READING, Pa., May 27 .- A man who registered as E. C. Jones, of Harris-burg, committed sulcide in his room at the Hotel Allen, Allentown, at about 3 Morocco to the St. Louis Exposition o'clock this morning by shooting himself sailed yesterday from Gibraltar for Tan-

\$1 to Frederick, Antietam (Keedysville),

### LANGERMAN GOES TO THE AID OF PERDICARIS

James W. S. Langerman, forme United States consul to Tangler, and special commissioner of the Sultan of through the head with a revolver.

The man was assigned to his room shortly after midnight. He was apparently about twenty-five years old.

Sance yesternay from Gibraltar for Tangler, where he hopes to effect the release of Ion Perdicarls and Cromwell Varley, the two foreigners who are held for ransom by bandits.

### WILL GO TO KIEL.

Hagerstown, Harpers Ferry, and Winchester, and return, via B. & O. R. R., leaving Washington 8:30 a. m., Sunday, May 23. Spiendid opportunity to visit historic grounds. SOUTHAMPTON, May 27 .- Mrs. Ogden Goelet and party arrived today aboard the yacht Nahma from a trip through

## COAL ROADS MAY SUBMIT EVIDENCE

mission to Decide.

Vice President Richardson, of Erie Heirlooms Will Be Taxed, and Various Theatrical Managers Believed to Be Railway, Takes Stand-Counsel Asks for Hearing.

Mr. Richards testified that the fixing of the prices to be asked for coal was dependent upon the condition of the market, and the amount of protection. If coal kept piling up, the price would naturally fall off, and the way to maintain prices would be to suspend or re-

He said that it was not always possile to know what other companies would charge. The Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, and the Lehigh Valley did not issue circulars regularly. He found out what prices were to be charged by inquiry.

### No Talk Regarding Circular.

Mr. Sayre was the representative of ley. He had no consultation with either Sayre or Levins, prior to the issuing of the April charter circular.

To Commissioner Prouty, Richards said the operation of coal mining companies by the railroads had been one panies by the railroads had been one when the system of purchase contracts first came into vogue

Philadelphia was the favorite market for the Reading road. They also sent large quantities to Maine and to the mills in Fall River by water.

Vice President Richardson Called. Vice President Richardson was called. He said the Erie held a controlling interest in the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and other coal mining ompanies in the Lackawanna district. The New York, Susquehanna and Western Coal Company did not operate mines. Its business was chiefly the

Mr. Shearn figured out that after paying the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company the 65 per cent of price at tidewater, the cost of transportation to Carbondale or Honesdale, the cost of sale, and the wastage, the Hillsdale Company would have left only \$1.16 a ton from Carbondale and \$1.04 a ton from Honesdale to meet the cost of freight, \$1.60, from those points to tidewater.

### Deduction Unfair.

Counsel for the Erie road contended at the mines and a provisional rate was allowed the Delaware and Hudson for the transportation from the mines to the gathering points.

Brownell, counsel for the Erie.

## PEDAGOGY GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Sixteen young women graduates from the teachers' department of Howard University received diplomas from the hand of the Rev. John Gordon, D. D., president of the institution. The commencement exercises were held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, and were attended by a large number of the friends of the university and the relatives of scouts, all of whose horses were killed, and they were obliged to return on foot.

The military medical inspector reports that the sanitary condition of the Manchurian army is in every respect excel-Rabbi Abram Simon, who was intro ases of duced by Judge Stanton J. Peelle. He fay 25. spoke briefly of the progress made by

an essay, "The Kindergarten and the Ideal Citizen," by Julia D. Somerville; solo, by Mary A. Murray; essay, "The Mission of the Educated Woman," by Anna R. Bowyer; "Militaric," Presi Club; oration, "Factors in Race Development," by M. M. Morton. The benediction was by Bishop B. T. Tan-

The graduates and their courses were In kindergarten theory and practice—Arabella Beasons, Ida Fillmore, and Rebecca Guy, of the District of Columbia; N. Nora Hyman, of North Carolina; Julia D. Somerville, of the District of Columbia; M. Erma Weedon, of Massachusetts

Columbia; M. Erma Weedon, of Massachusetts.

In pedagogy—Alice. Pearl Barlow, of the District of Columbia; Anna R. Bowyer and Osceola Mary Burl, of Pennsylvania; Eva E. Duckett, of the District of Columbia; Lela Corinne Ewing and Mary A. Hall, of Texas; Alice E. Hatchett, of Virginia; Ida P. Madden, of the District of Columbia; Priscilla Tyler, of Texas; Etelka H. Valeteen, of Rhode Island.

Island.

A certificate for special post-graduate work in pedagogy, was awarded Mary Curtis, of New York. The degree of Ph. B. was bestowed on Matthew M. Morton, of the District of Columbia.

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## NEW SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL TAXES

Interstate Commerce Com- Assistant Assessors An- Lafayette Orchestra Renounce Changes.

Corporations Assessed on New Basis.

NEW YORK. May 27.—Thomas F. Richards, sales agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, and S. A. Richardson, vice president of the Erric Railway, were today before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is trying to find out if there is a coal compline.

The Board of Assistant Assessors of the Empire Theater Orchestra during the past scaling the District Building and orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three trick call at the District Building and make out these schedules of the Empire Theater Orchestra during the past scaling the District Call at the District Building and orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three trick call at the District Building and orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of Musiciars and joined the non-union addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of Musiciars and joined the non-union orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of Musiciars and joined the non-union orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of the Empire Theater orchestra during the past seal that will be taxable for the entitle of Musiciars and joined the non-union addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of Musiciars and joined the non-union orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of Musiciars and joined the non-union orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In addition to Mr. Phillips there are three tricks are the commission of the Empire Theater Orchestra during the past seal that will be taxable for the entitle of the Empire Theater Orchestra during the past seal that will be taxable for the entitle of the Empire Theater Orchestra during the past seal that the District has prepared its schedules are the past seal that the Distr trict call at the District Building and make out these schedules, showing the value of their belongings, they will be taxed 20 per cent additional for their

negligence.
The schedules must be made and sworn to on or before August 1, 1904. The form for the ensuing year differs in several important particulars from the one that has prevailed during the past year.

### "Heirlooms" No Longer Exempt.

loom" expansive. In some cases, even, the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, and Mr. Levins of the Lehigh Valtey had inherited were heirlooms. Another change is that this year, all

building associations in the District will have to pay a 2 per cent tax on their gross earnings in the United States. Last year they paid 4 per cent on their gross earnings in the District.

A specially important feature, which is new, is the following:
"Business companies, which by reason of or in addition to incorporation receive no special franchise or privilege, shall be rated, assessed, and taxed as individuals conducting business in similar lines; and they shall set forth in the several items of the schedule the character and value of their property as though they were individuals."

### Taxes on Title Companies.

Another innovation in the law reads: "Companies who furnish abstracts of title to real estate, or who insure real estate titles, shall make affidavit of the amount of their gross receipts in the District of Columbia for the year ended June 30, 1904," and they must pay 11/2 per

The definition of a fair cash value is given as follows, from Cooley on taxa-

"When a statute requires the 'fair cash value' of property on a certain day to be ascertained, it refers to the actual judgment of the public as expressed in the price which some one will pay, \* \* It means the highest price that a normal purchaser, not under peculiar compunction, will pay at that time to get that thing."

### Decoration Day, River View.

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The regular excursion season to Raver View, the pretty and popular excursion resort near old Fort Washington, will open with the trips of the steamer Samuel J. Pentz, Monday, Memorial Day, and trips will be made daily to the resort from now until the middle of September. Many persons take advantage of the Decoration Day holiday to spend the day at this pretty resort, enjoying its many beauties. For their amusement the little river, the Tom Thumb railway, the chute, the open air canal, and all the many other attractions of the resort will be ready to give pleasure, and a new Ferris wheel, sixty feet high, is now being installed, and is to be ready for service by Monday. There will also be music and dancing in the big payilion from the arrival of the first boat in the morning until the last one leaves at the arrival of the first boat in the morning until the last one leaves at night. Band concerts on the steamer will also be a feature of the day. The steamer leaves her wharf here at 10 a.m., 2:15 and 6:45 p.m.

### DEATH RECORD.

Cormeny, Jobe P. L., 15, Potomac River, Flats Park. Duckett, 1 day, infant of Edw. and Mary, 120 C St. S. W. St. S. W.

Johnson, Pearl, 1, 1111 ½ St. Canal.

Hunter, Peter, 24, Government Hospital Insane.

Pollard, Beatrice, 2, 1130 10th St. N. W.

Perry, Thomas, 70, 2233 9th St. N. W.

Patten, 2 days, infant of Thos. and Martha,

Columbia Hospital.

Robardy, Maria, 55, Garfield Hospital.

Stern, Aaron, 74, Room 509, War Department.

Wuiebking, Frederick, 70, Cent. Union Mission.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE FIRST annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mosaic Tile and Cement Brick Machinery Company will be held in its offices in the Bond Building, Washington, D. C., JUNE S, 194, AT NOON, for the purpose of electing a board of directors or trustees. THOS, J. PARKER, Secretary.

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Acting Together in Matter of Holding Down Wages.

orchestra at the Lafayette Theater. In the union and are now playing at the Lafayette under the direction of Mr.

The withdrawal from the union these additional musicians is believed to be an initiative which will be followed by many orchestra players in Washington. In times past the requests of the union for increased salary have been listened to by theater managers and, in

many cases, have been granted. personal adornment will be subject to the point where they believe they have some say in their own houses, and have emphatically refused to grant a still greater increase in the still gr are they, inasmuch as they believe they are acting fair, that they will direct their own affairs many of them have declared they will do away with their orchestras if the musicians will not be contented with the salary now being

> Although if has not been stated di-Although it has not been stated directly before, local theater managers long ago agreed to stand together on this question, and as the Lafayette has taken the lead it is certain that other playhouses in Washington will keep to their agreement. This means either the union musicians accepting the present standard of wages or the employment of strictly non-union musicians.

> standard of wages or the employment of strictly non-union musicians.
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> Leaders in the union feel that their men are overworked and do not receive high enough pay for their services; but the men themselves manifestly see which side their bread is buttered on, and if theater managers persist in their determination to bring musicians from other cities in case the union does not yield, the men understand that they will all be thrown out of that kind of employment, which, to them, probably means much more than membership in the union.

### Special Sunday Excursion Rates

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